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WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate investigators were unable to confirm reports from two CIA officers that the spy agency may have contacted Lee Harvey Oswald prior to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, it was learned Friday.

However, Sen. Richard Schweiker, R-Pa., who headed the Kennedy assassination investigation, said through a spokesman that ''I don't think we know the whole story.''

The CIA released a document Thursday showing that the agency once considered using Oswald as a source of intelligence information about the Soviet Union. The document appeared to conflict with sworn testimony before the Warren Commission by Richard Helms, then a branch chief and later the CIA's director, that the agency never had ''or even contemplated'' any contacts with Oswald.

Schweiker said he was unaware of the Oswald document but a well-informed source said it had been turned over to the Senate intelligence subcommittee that investigated the Kennedy assassination.

''We followed it up,'' the source said, but ''we found no indication that Oswald was in fact contacted.''

The same source said investigators also were unable to confirm the sworn testimony before the subcommittee by a former CIA officer who claimed to have seen a CIA report concerning a contact with a man closely resembling Oswald's description.

Schweiker confirmed that his subcommittee had been unable to corroborate ''several reports'' of CIA contacts with Oswald in connection with his travels in Russia.

Oswald defected to the Soviet Union in 1959 and lived there until 1962.

The Oswald document released by the CIA under a Freedom of Information Act request was written by an unidentified CIA officer w recalled that ''we showed intelligence interest'' in Oswald and

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''DISCUSSED THE LAYING ON OF INTERVIEWS.''

THE UNIDENTIFIED OFFICER; WHO WROTE THE MEMO THREE DAYS AFTER KENNEDY WAS KILLED IN DALLAS ON NOV. 22; 1963; ADDED THAT HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT AND ''I DO NOT KNOW WHAT ACTION DEVELOPED THEREAFTER.''

ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE; SUBCOMMITTEE INVESTIGATORS INTERVIEWED THE OFFICIAL WITH WHOM THE UNIDENTIFIED OFFICER DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF CONTACTING OSWALD.

''NOTHING EVER CAME OF IT;'' THE SOURCE SAID ADDING THAT A SEARCH OF AGENCY FILES TURNED UP ''NO PAPERWORK THAT ANY FOLLOW-UP ACTION WAS TAKEN;'' TO CONTACT OSWALD.

SIMILARLY; THE SOURCE SAID INVESTIGATORS ''FOUND NO DOCUMENTS'' THAT WOULD HAVE CORROBORATED THE TESTIMONY OF THE FORMER CIA OFFICER WHO SAID HE RECALLED SEEING A REPORT INDICATING THE AGENCY DEBRIEFED AN EX-MARINE WHO HAD WORKED IN A RADIO FACTORY IN MINSK - A DESCRIPTION WHICH EXACTLY FITS OSWALD.

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#WASHINGTON: FITS OSWALD.

THIS SOURCE DISCOUNTED THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE CIA MIGHT HAVE COVERED UP ANY DEALINGS IT HAD WITH OSWALD; SAYING; ''SOMEBODY WOULD HAVE HAD TO MAKE A CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO ALTER DOCUMENTS.''

THE BRIEF STATEMENT RELEASED BY SCHWEIKER GAVE NO INDICATION OF THE BASIS FOR HIS CONTINUING SUSPICION.

ALLEGATIONS THAT OSWALD WAS IN SOME WAY WORKING FOR THE CIA HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING SINCE 1963 AND HAVE BEEN DISCOUNTED BY CIA OFFICIALS AS PART OF A COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN.

WHEN HELMS APPEARED BEFORE THE WARREN COMMISSION IN MAY 1964; HE TESTIFIED UNDER OATH THAT ''THERE IS NO MATERIAL IN THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY EITHER IN THE RECORDS OR IN THE MIND OF ANY OF THE INDIVIDUALS; THAT THERE WAS ANY CONTACT HAD OR EVEN CONTEMPLATED WITH HIM.

AT THE TIME OF HIS TESTIMONY; HELMS WAS HEAD OF THE AGENCY'S CLANDESTINE SERVICES.

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